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ADVISORY BOARD FOR SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE HOLDS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel welcomed his newly appointed National Advisory Board for Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to Washington today at its organizational meeting. He presented the 15 members their Certificates of Appointment.

Chosen from a broad cross-section of the conservation-minded and sportsman public, the new board includes a banker, tree farmer, investment broker, insurance executive, and member of an Indian tribal council. All have an extensive background in furthering fish and wildlife conservation.

"I have felt the need for a citizen advisory board in this field for some time," the Secretary said. "Their advice and recommendation will be most helpful in our planning of fish and wildlife programs to meet long-term needs of the American public."

The 15-member board which will report to the Secretary, will meet at least twice annually. One of the meetings each year must be held in Washington, D. C.

Names of the appointees, all serving one-year terms, are:

Fred J. Agnich of Dallas, Texas; Erle Barham of Oak Ridge, Louisiana; William O. Buffe of Kansas City, Missouri; Daniel H. Cuddy of Anchorage, Alaska; Frederic C. Dumaine, Jr. of Weston, Massachusetts; William K. duPont of Wilmington, Delaware; J. Drake Edens, Jr. of Columbia, South Carolina; Elwood K. Harry of Pompano Beach, Florida; Roger E. Martin of Lake Oswego, Oregon;

Herbert F. McClellan of Mobridge, South Dakota; John A. Mulcahy of New York City; Aksel Nielsen of Denver, Colorado; Harold Schafer of Bismarck, North Dakota; Erwin D. Sias of Sioux City, Iowa; and Sam Yankee of McGregor, Minnesota.

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